

104 Dual Thrust Rocket Motors (DTRM), with MK 750 DTRM shipping containers; other component parts and spares; U.S. Government and contractor engineering; and technical and logistics support services. The total estimated MDE value will increase to \$140 million. The total estimated case value will increase to \$165 million.

(iv) Significance: The proposed sale will allow Denmark to operationally sustain already purchased SM-2 Block IIIA missiles.

(v) Justification: This sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a NATO ally, which is an important partner for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology: SM-2 serves as the U.S. Navy's primary all-weather, ship launched medium range (MR) surface-to-air air defense weapon and is an integral part of the AEGIS Weapon System (AWS) aboard Ticonderoga-class cruisers and Arleigh Burke-class destroyers, and is launched (primarily) from the MK 41 Vertical Launch System (VLS). SM-2 uses tail steering controls and a solid fuel rocket motor for propulsion and maneuverability, an inertial midcourse guidance capable of receiving midcourse command updates from the shipboard fire control system, an electronic countermeasures-resistant monopulse receiver for semi-active radar terminal guidance/homing, and directional warhead blast fragmentation warhead that directs high velocity warhead fragments in the direction of the target. SM-2 is able to engage high-speed maneuvering and low altitude threats, chasing threats closer to the water's surface and defending against anti-ship missiles and aircraft out to 90 nautical miles. The Guidance Section handles the information and link processing that delivers the missile to its target, and TDD detects the target and activates the warhead fuze, leading to warhead detonation.

The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

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#### REMEMBERING COMMANDER KRISTIN DRISCOLL

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, today I honor the memory and steadfast service of CDR Kristin Driscoll, a beloved mother, wife, daughter, sister, and Active-Duty Coast Guard Officer.

To use a maritime metaphor from Lord Alfred Tennyson, Commander Driscoll "crossed the bar" on October 26, 2021, following a brave battle with a brain tumor. Kristin underwent brain surgery on November 13, 2017, 1 week after her 35th birthday. Although the surgeons were able to remove 97 percent of the tumor, the remaining 3 percent was rooted too deeply to reach.

True to form, Kristin rebounded from her surgery with energy and renewed purpose. Despite her prognosis, she ran a half marathon in April 2018, reported to work every day, and planned family outings.

Stanford Medical Center quickly took note of Kristin's energy and optimism and asked her to participate in a patient education video project, saying they had been looking for someone like her for nearly 2 years. She filmed the video the very next week.

Commander Driscoll served in the U.S. Coast Guard for 20 years and was

the first in her family to serve. For the majority of that time, she was stationed in California, from San Diego to Alameda, and had a clear passion for Coast Guard operations. Specifically, she focused on emergency management supporting natural disasters, oil and pollution response, and search and rescue.

She was a leader on a diverse list of operational teams that ranged from the National Contingency Plan "Special Teams" that monitored Federal Marine Environmental Response operations across the southwest border to a Command Center that conducted search and rescue efforts across 3.3 million square miles of offshore waters from California to the Panama Canal.

In reviewing the achievements of Commander Driscoll, I am struck by her unwavering dedication and poise in confronting terrific challenges. She contributed to the response to the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, led a security deployment to Guantanamo Bay, and oversaw the first-ever deployment of a U.S. Coast Guard standard boat from a foreign naval vessel in support of counter-drug smuggling operations in the Caribbean. She deployed in the wake of Hurricanes Irma and Maria as deputy incident commander to lead search and rescue and recovery efforts, took a leading role in supporting COVID-19 response efforts as planning section chief, and took the lead role as incident commander for the USS *Bonhomme Richard* fire.

Commander Driscoll's ability was well-noted throughout her life, and her record of success is etched in Coast Guard history. After graduating cum laude from Baker University in 2005, Commander Driscoll earned a master's degree in Homeland Security Leadership from the University of Connecticut. Her personal awards include an Advanced Boat Force Operations Insignia, six Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, two Letters of Commendation, a NOAA Corps Directors Ribbon, and various service and unit awards. She was a leader in every sense, and I take some solace in the fact that her inspiration will live on in the thousands of officers she taught at the Coast Guard's Leadership Development Center.

Today, I thank CDR Kristin Driscoll for her devotion, as well as her husband PJ, daughters Averie and Cameron, and son Nolan. Her service was an honor to us all.

#### REMEMBERING HERBERT M. FRANKLIN

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I honor Herbert M. Franklin, who passed away on November 16, 2021. He has left a meaningful and beautiful mark on the heart of our Nation's Capital.

Mr. Franklin's true affection for the history and buildings of our exceptional Capitol and Washington, DC, was put to great use through his serv-

ice as executive officer to George M. White and Alan M. Hantman, the 9th and 10th Architects of the Capitol, from 1989 until Mr. Franklin's retirement in 2001. In that capacity, he acted as chief of staff for all administrative policies and actions of the agency, which has over 2,000 employees and is essential to the preservation and maintenance of this marvelous structure and its grounds.

His appreciation for architecture, politics, and gardens showed in the thoughtful proficiency he put into the many important projects under his purview. Among his accomplishments, he served as project director for the design and construction of the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building, the 1995 refinement of the Capitol Center Visitor Project, the National Garden Project, and the renovation of the U.S. Botanic Garden.

Additionally, Mr. Franklin served on the National Capital Memorial Commission. While on the commission, he worked on a special task force that also included the Commission on Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission. The group was asked to draw up a master plan for the placement of memorials in the capital city, with the challenging objective of preserving the remaining open space on the Mall for particularly significant memorials. Through his role at the Architect of the Capitol, he also served on the D.C. Zoning Commission.

A person needed only to take a tour of the Capitol with Mr. Franklin to see just how deeply he loved it, the people who work in these halls, and the processes and procedures at the core of its operation. He delighted in his work and took very seriously his charge to guard and honor our Capitol.

Susan Hawkes Wheeler, chief of staff for my Washington, DC, office, is one of the very lucky people to have benefited from one of Mr. Franklin's tours. He gave Susan her first and best tour of the Capitol, and I am so glad he did. Her visit with his warm and hospitable family was instrumental in her deciding to join my staff just a few weeks later. And she is just one of many who benefited from his experience and guidance throughout his extraordinary life and career.

Mr. Franklin's admiration for architecture and the building arts also showed in his volunteer work, as he was instrumental in the founding of the National Building Museum. In 1977, he was part of a small group that created the Committee for a National Museum of the Building Arts, in response to concerns over the fate of the historic Pension Building in Washington, DC. Mr. Franklin drafted the legislation that eventually led to Congress establishing the National Building Museum in 1980. He later served as its counsel, sat on its executive committee, and was chairman of its board, among his many contributions.

Mr. Franklin also devoted considerable time to leadership roles for many

other organizations. He taught at American University, was a guest lecturer at numerous colleges and universities, and was very involved in the governance of the Cosmos Club in Washington, DC, including as its president. He also authored and coauthored several published articles and books.

Mr. Franklin graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Law School. Originally from Milwaukee, WI, he started his legal career in his hometown before coming to Washington, DC, during the Kennedy administration as a lawyer in the Housing and Home Financing Agency. In 1965, he served as the director of the Business and Development Center for Urban America, Inc. before becoming the first development administrator for the city of Middletown, CT. He couldn't stay away from his beloved Washington, DC, for long, though, returning in 1968 to serve in a leadership role for the National Urban Coalition, where he staffed a national task force on urban revitalization.

In 1973, Mr. Franklin became a founding partner in the law firm of Lane and Edson, P.C. in Washington, DC, specializing in real estate finance and development. He was in private practice until joining the office of the Architect of the Capitol in 1989.

I extend my condolences to Mr. Franklin's wife of 61 years, Barbara Braemer Franklin; daughter Marcia; son and daughter-in-law Jonathan and Sharon; son David; grandchildren Stephanie, Noah, Sophia, Norah and Sarah; and other family and friends. Thank you for sharing Mr. Franklin with us and our extraordinary seat of government he loved so much. We are all, no doubt, bettered by the respect, intellect and calm he put into the measured problem-solving that typified his service to our country.

#### TRIBUTE TO LESTER CASH

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, as chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, I would like to recognize an exceptional public servant deeply committed to protecting and improving the health of the American people, Mr. Lester Cash. Mr. Cash retired recently after a distinguished 37-year career in the civil service, most of it spent at the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Health and Human Services. It is at HHS, where he was the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget since 2007, that I and my staff came to depend upon Mr. Cash's expertise, wisdom, and judgement.

Mr. Cash is one of those unsung public servants whose analysis and insights are relied upon equally by Democrats and Republicans in both Chambers. He epitomizes the best of the professional civil service: dedicated, credible and trusted by all who work with him. His unique skills, starting with advanced degrees in pub-

lic policy, philosophy, and theology, have given Mr. Cash a perspective that is both broad and sufficiently deep. His judgement on appropriations legal matters and insight on legislative language was always sound, and his ready responsiveness at any hour made him the vital go-to person for the committees when time was tight. Whenever there was a complex question that needs solving, he was the person to call, whether it was for funding to respond to a natural disaster, meeting our obligations to our September 11 first responders, or ensuring that unaccompanied migrant children are treated humanely. Most recently, during the pandemic, Mr. Cash was instrumental to removing obstacles to secure COVID-19 tests, vaccines, and therapeutics for communities across the country. It is not an exaggeration to say that millions of Americans have been directly affected by his efforts and that his commitment saved lives.

We are all better off because of Lester. His unyielding dedication and institutional knowledge made him truly indispensable, and his absence will be a loss for all of us who depend upon him. I am glad that he will have more time to spend with his wife and son, Ada and Brian, friends and family. He certainly deserves it, and I wish him the best of luck in the future.

#### TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT JONATHAN KOKOT

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, today I honor an exceptional member of the U.S. Navy, LT Jonathan Kokot. I am proud to enter this tribute into the RECORD as I have had the pleasure of traveling overseas with Jon on multiple occasions, allowing me to see his professionalism, leadership, and dedication to duty firsthand.

Lieutenant Kokot has distinguished himself through his professional character and dedication to serving this Nation in uniform. He has continued to excel in peerless service to our country while assigned to the Navy Senate Liaison Office. A native of Houston, TX, Jon is a 2013 graduate of Vanderbilt University and was commissioned through the Naval ROTC program. He completed primary flight school at VT-27 in Corpus Christi, TX, followed by advanced flight training at HT-28 in Milton, FL.

Lieutenant Kokot joined the Battlecats of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron Seven Three (HSM) 73 in April, 2016. He deployed to the Western Pacific onboard USS *Sampson* (DDG 102), an Arleigh Burke class guided-missile destroyer, in September 2016 in support of the Oceania Maritime Security Initiative (OMSI) and received a Humanitarian Service Medal for his part in disaster relief following an earthquake in New Zealand. On Jon's second deployment, his helicopter squadron was embarked on USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN 71), and later USS *Halsey* (DDG 97), for a deployment to

the CENTCOM and INDOPACOM areas of responsibility.

Lieutenant Kokot has also been published in "Rotor Review" magazine. His article, "Deployment: A Junior Officer's Perspective," was recognized as the article of the year in 2018. That article discussed the "beauty" of flight deck operations on a modern aircraft carrier, writing: "one only has to watch the flight deck during launch and recovery of jets to realize there's a half-century worth of training involved in each evolution. The movement of six different types of aircraft, including fixed-wing and helicopters, transformed from parked and folded to engines full blast within minutes, is mind-boggling. Five-thousand people aboard this floating fortress work around-the-clock to make this dance happen, and each member plays his or her role in a system of cogs which drives the most powerful peace machine on the planet."

Lieutenant Kokot also models a commitment to volunteering. During his time in the Senate, he served additionally as a White House social aide, supporting more than 30 high-visibility events. He also served as a mentor and role model for disadvantaged youth who need a helping hand. While in flight training in Corpus Christi, Jon cofounded a mentorship program at Flour Bluff High School and personally provided 10 hours of mentoring per week to students in need. He continued this worthy effort with his involvement in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, beginning with his first fleet assignment in San Diego and again these last 2 years here in Washington, DC. He regularly spent a dozen hours each month with his young mentee. Jon's interest and empathy for underprivileged youth reflects the influence of his mother, who mentored middle and high school youth for over a dozen years in Houston.

As a legislative liaison in the Navy Senate Liaison Office from February 2019 to February 2022, Lieutenant Kokot performed his duties with distinction, supporting the 116th and 117th U.S. Congresses. Jon's direct assistance provided critical information necessary for the passage of three National Defense Authorization Acts in the U.S. Senate, as well as peace of mind for members concerned about the welfare of our constituents. His efforts also helped ensure the confirmation of the 77th and 78th Navy Secretaries and the 32nd Chief of Naval Operations.

Lieutenant Kokot led 28 congressional delegations across the United States and the globe. He has escorted many Members of this Chamber on travel, as well the personal and professional staff who work in this Chamber. I have had the pleasure of traveling with Jon on a number of these trips. He has gone above and beyond the call of duty to facilitate and successfully execute each trip, despite any weather, aircraft, or diplomatic complications. He consistently performs his duties selflessly, and with a smile.